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Title: System and Method for
Determining Methods and
Properties to be Invoked on
Objects in a Graphical
Program

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Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of ☒ the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- a. ☐ within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
☐ within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application;
☐ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
☒ before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

- b. ☐ after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or ☐ a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☐ after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

2. It is hereby certified:

- ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or
- ☐ that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

3. ☐ Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:

- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:

5. ☒ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:

Please note the following patents: Patent No. 6,064,812, 6,437,805 and 6,102,965 are involved in litigation, Software Technology, LLC and Measurement Computing Corporation v. National Instruments Corporation, Civil Action No. 03-10107, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Applicant respectfully requests full consideration of each of the references in their entirety.

With respect to reference F1, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to pages 2-306 to 2-313.

With respect to reference F3, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to pages 2-372 to 2-384.

With respect to reference F4, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 13 and 14.

With respect to reference F5, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to page 77 and chapters 13 and 14.

With respect to reference F6, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 13 and 14.

With respect to reference F13, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 6-7, and 12.

With respect to reference F15, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 5-13, 34-37, 61, 76, 69, and 73.

With respect to reference F20, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1 and 3-5.

With respect to reference F21, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1 and 4-6.

With respect to reference F22, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1 and 4-7.

With respect to reference F25A, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1 and 5.

With respect to reference F29, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 2, 7, and 10 and pages 7-88 to 7-92, pages 10-32 to 10-37, and pages 10-86 to 10-89.

With respect to reference F31, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 8 and 13.

With respect to reference F40, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 7, and 11.

With respect to reference F42, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapter 5.

With respect to reference F53, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 3, 5, 10, and 12.

With respect to reference F57, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 16, 20, 21, and 56.

With respect to reference F59, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7.

With respect to reference F64, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 2 and 8.

With respect to reference F89, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 2, 9, and 10.

With respect to reference F91, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 1, 3, and 16.

With respect to reference F93, Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner specifically to chapters 2 and 9-14.

6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) request that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 501505/5150-18301/JCH.

Respectfully submitted,



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